

Racing Rules of Sailing

Rule A4.2, Rule A5 and Rule A11,

A submission from the Croatian Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

To revise scoring abbreviations in accordance with current practices.

Proposal

A4.2 A boat that did not *start*, did not *finish*, retired ~~after finishing~~ or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. A boat that is penalized under rule 30.2 or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

A5 SCORES DETERMINED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE

A boat that did not *start*, comply with rule 30.2 or 30.3, or *finish*, or that takes a penalty under rule 44.3(a) or retires ~~after finishing~~, shall be scored accordingly by the race committee without a hearing. Only the protest committee may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score.

A11 SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

These scoring abbreviations shall be used for recording the circumstances described:

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| DNC | Did not <i>start</i> ; did not come to the starting area |
| DNS | Did not <i>start</i> (other than DNC and OCS) |
| OCS | Did not <i>start</i> ; on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and failed to start, or broke rule 30.1 |
| ZFP | 20% penalty under rule 30.2 |
| BFD | Disqualification under rule 30.3 |
| SCP | Took a Scoring Penalty under rule 44.3(a) |
| <u>RET</u> | <u>Retired</u> |
| DNF | Did not <i>finish</i> |
| RAF | Retired after <i>finishing</i> |
| DSQ | Disqualification |
| DNE | Disqualification (other than DGM) not excludable under rule 90.3(b) |
| DGM | Disqualification for gross misconduct not excludable under rule 90.3(b) |
| RDG | Redress given |

Current Position

As above.

Reasons

There are a number of racing rules that require a boat to promptly retire from the race, including Sportsmanship and the Rules, 44.1, P2.2 and P2.3. In each case, the boat is most often scored incorrectly, either by scoring her DNF or RAF. Neither of those scores reflect what happened in the race.

For example, under Appendix P, a boat that retires in compliance with rule P2.2 or P2.3 can retire by sailing off the course, in which case she is currently scored DNF. If a boat's second (or more) penalty occurs near the finishing line, she may not be able to sail off the course before she crosses the finishing line, in which case the RC will regularly change her score to RAF. So two boats, each taking the same penalty, will be scored differently and incorrectly, because there is no score for retiring before finishing.
